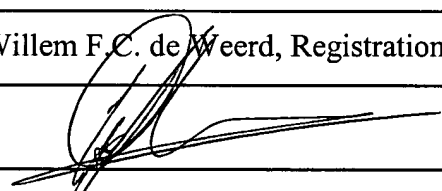


asserted that although the claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because urea is an equivalent pH adjusting liquid.

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer. Applicants have disclaimed the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent 6,511,523, as set forth in the terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-8 are not unpatentable over claims 2-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,511,523 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly requested.

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